Irregularities in Group 'D' recruitment examination in Railways

†1302. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that charges have been levelled for committing irregularities at a large scale in group 'D' recruitment examination of Railways conducted on 12th February, 2006;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the situation continued to be anarchic due to calling candidates in excess number and not issuing admit cards even at the eleventh hour;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) the details of the number of candidates who appeared in the examination all over the counry State-wise; and

(e) whether Railways propose to follow some transparent recruitment procedure to avoid controversies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, sir.

(b) No, Sir. Admit cards for eligible candidates due to appear for written test on 12.2.2006, were dispatched well in time. Duplicate Admit Cards were also issued from 7.2.2006 to 9.2.2006 as advertised to all eligible candidates who so demanded. Adequate seating arrangements for 5,12,366 candidates were made in 9 cities and 1037 schools for accommodating all the candidates.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Information is being collected from the zonal Railway and will be laid on the Table of the house;

(e) The procedure adopted by Railway recruitment Cell is transparent in nature.

Upward revision in Rail freight

1303. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether by adjusting classification of commodities Government have affected upward revision in rail freight;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the names of such commodities with volume of upward revision of tariff; and

(c) what have been the compulsions for the railways to haphazardly increase in the tariff before the railway budget 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Adjustments in classification under Tariff balancing is an on-going process. Details of change in classification during 2005-06 are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) Upward revision in the classification of certain commodities was done to meet the increased cost of input.

Statement

Details regarding revision of trainload classification of commodities

S.N.	Name of commodity	2005-06					
		Classification as on 1.4.2005	With effect from 15.5.05	With effect from 17.06.05	With effect from 20.7.05	With effect from 1.12.05	With effect from 15.1.06
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Increase in Classification							
1.	Iron ore	140	160	-	-	-	-
2.	Iron ore booked to Ports	140	160	-	-	180	-
3.	Cement	140	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Cement Clinker	140	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Limestone & Dolomite	140	-	-	-	160	-
6.	Gypsum	140	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Bauxite	140	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Manganese Ore	140	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Pyroxinite	140	-	-	-	-	-
10.	Food grains (PDS)/(PAP)	100	-	-	-	110	-
11.	Fly Ash	120	-	140	-	-	-
12.	Chemical Manures	100	-	-	-	110	-
13.	Kerosene Oil	130	-	-	-	-	150
14.	Salt (for human consumption)	90	-	-	-	-	100

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15.	Edible Oil (when booked in Tank wagons)	90W2	-	-	90	-	-
16.	Wheat Flour	90	-	-	-	110	-
Reduction in Classification							
1.	Public Foodgrains	120	-	-	-	110	-
2.	Bamboo	90	-	90W1	-	-	-
3.	Charcoal	90	-	90W1	-	-	-
4.	Stones	140	-	130	-	-	-
5.	De-Oiled Cakes	110	-	100	-	-	-
6.	Boiler components	100	-	90W1	-	-	-
7.	Slag	160	-	140	-	-	-
8.	Steel pipes	180	-	130	-	-	-
9.	Wire Rod Coil	180	-	130	-	-	-
10.	Coconut Husk	90w1	-	90W2	-	-	-

Intercity day train between Hubli-Vasco

1304. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run a superfast intercity day train between Hubli-Vasco to meet the demand of the business people and the general public; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider introducting a superfast intercity day train between Hubli-Vasco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to introduce a train between Hubli and Vasco.

Closing the movement of bogies/wagons from Amritsar to Pakistan

1305. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the movement of bogies/wagons which carry goods from Amritsar to Pakistan is closed during certain months of the year;